Forests.—

Then the next item I have to deal with is Forests, which is demand No. 9 in the Preliminary Budget. About Forests much has been said, and I do not mean to speak in detail, since many points have been touched upon by my friends; but I have to speak one word more. Under this demand, we find an item "Stores and Elephants" at page 26, and another item "Elephant Vicharippus "at page 27. A person was deputed to be specialised in elephant capture, training and treatment. I would like to know whether he is in the department at present and what he has done for the department. The amounts allotted under these two heads seem to be too much.

The Tramway.—

Then, the next point is the Tramway demand. The Tramway, as many of my friends have suggested, may be abolished. It must be looked upon as a purely mercantile concern, unlike the administrative departments. When this department works at a loss, it is not to be mended but ended.

Jails.—

Then, about Jails, which is demand No. 16. We have got capital and labour. So the jails must be, as far as possible, made self-supporting, whereas here is a sum of money, in excess of the income, allotted for expenditure under this head.

Public Works.—

The next item I have to comment upon is the Public Works Department. The Talappalli Taluk is the part of the State which is very poor in public roads; and the income in the shape of tax and excise from that taluk is, I think, the highest. There had been many petitions to the Government for opening roads in this taluk, for instance, to Kandanasseri, to Kanippayyur, to Eyyal, etc. The whole taluk consists of hills and dales, and there are no public roads to important places; and no public officer visits these localities on account of the absence of roads.

Medical.—

Then, about the Medical Department. There is one Dispensary at Kuriarkutty that was established at

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